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for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[11](#). (S/NF) In response to reftel, Post country team has discussed the likely domestic NZ response to a potential U.S. and UNSCR designation of the Kuwait-based Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS). We believe there would be little if any reaction to a designation.

[12](#). (S/NF) Post is not aware of the presence or ongoing activity of RIHS in New Zealand. The GNZ conducts thorough periodic review of charitable institutions operating in New Zealand, which, combined with the strong domestic social welfare state and relatively small Islamic community here, make it unlikely that RIHS would establish a foothold in New Zealand.

[13](#). (S/NF) The largest domestic Islamic group in country is the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ) established in 1979 to support education and charitable activities. It is a federation consisting of regional Muslim associations whose purpose is to foster good relations with Muslim countries and international Muslim organizations. FIANZ president, Javed Khan has told Post in the past that his organization takes the threat of terrorism seriously and remains proactive in preventing New Zealand Muslims from becoming ensnared in terrorist related activities particularly where it involves alms giving.
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